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ATTACHMENT A

CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs, beginning at page 6, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to FIGS. 8 and 9, the relative size and positioning of pertinent features of the top structure are illustrated. The recess portion 46 of the top wall 44 can be localized at the bunghole 36, FIG. 8, or can extend to substantially all of, including all of the top wall, FIG. 9. The bunghole 36 will typically be the standard two-inch opening. The first fitting will extend a distance d1 of approximately 1 to 1 1/4 inches above the top surface 118 of the recessed portion 46 of the top wall 44. The drum insert 54 will typically extend a distance d2 of 1 to 1 1/2 inches above the shoulder 70 or the uppermost surface 71 of the first fitting 50. The closures 60 will typically extend a distance d3 of 3/8 to 1 inch. The required height h1 of the chime above the top surface 118 can vary depending on the configuration of the top wall 44. If the recess portion 46 is localized at the bunghole as shown in FIG. 8, the height h1 can range from 1 1/2 inches to 2 1/4 inches. Where the recess portion extends throughout the top wall

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44, the height  $h_1$  will typically be  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches in height to accommodate the fitting 50, the drum insert 54, and the closure 60. The buttress thread length 11 in the neck portion 68 of the first fitting 50 is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch. The length 12 of the threads on the second fitting 86 is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. The height  $h_2$  of the first fitting 68, the portion of the drum insert above the fitting 68, and the closure 60, assembled together, is approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches. The height  $h_3$  of the combined portion 119 of the drum insert and closure above the fitting 68, is approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches for typical components.

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at Page 7, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The distance  $d_1$  is approximately half or less than half of the distance  $h_4$  from the recessed portion to the top 64 of the chime. The height  $h_3$  is also approximately half or less than half of the distance  $h_4$  from recessed portion to the top 64 of the chime. And significantly, the height  $h_2$ , which is the sum of  $d_1$  and  $h_3$ , is less than the height  $h_4$ .

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